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SUBJ: IDB PROPOSAL TO INCREASE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND

ALTERNATES SALARIES

REF: STATE 137069

1. AMBASSADOR SENT AN URGENT LETTER JUNE 28 TO FINANCE
MINISTER GEORGE CHAMBERS (WHO DEPARTED TRINIDAD JUNE 30)
CONTAINING POINTS AGAINST IDB PROPOSAL AS OUTLINED REFTEL.
CHAMBERS SAID HE WOULD HAVE HIS PERMANENT SECRETARY,
FRANK RAMPERSAD, GET IN TOUCH WITH US REGARDING THE MATTER,
ON JULY 4 RAMPERSAD TOLD AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF THAT USG POSITION CAME
AS

QUITE A SURPRISE TO TRINIDAD GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAD ALREADY VOTED IN FAVOR OF IDB PROPOSAL PRIOR TO JUNE 28. HE SAID THAT GOTT ALMOST ALWAYS SUPPORTS PROPOSALS SENT TO BOARD OF GOVERNNORS BY THE IDB, BELIEVING THAT THEY ARE DRAWN UP BY CONSENSUS AND--AMONG OTHER THINGS--THUS CARRY IMPLIED USG APPROVAL.

2. RAMPERSAD SAID THAT MINISTER CHAMBERS HAD BEEN VERY IMPRESSED WITH USG ARGUMENTS AGAINST SALARY INCREASE, AND IMPLIED GOTT SUPPORT FOR HOLDING THE LINE AGAINST FURTHER INCREASES OR RAISES IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INSTITUTIONS. NONETHELESS, THE GOTT WILL NOT CHANGE ITS

VOTE, AND THE PERMANENT SECRETARY SUGGESTED THAT THE USG
USE ITS "ENORMOUS VETO POWER" TO DEFEAT THE PROPOSAL.
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